

Regarding MB 18-184

My name is Harold Bearden, and I am the owner and General Manager of WWWW-FM 92.7 FM in Haleyville, Alabama.

I am in full support of the MMTC and SSR Communications FM Class C4 / 73.215 proposal to allow eligible Zone II Class A stations to upgrade in power from 6,000 Watts to 12,000 Watts.

This station has been on the air since 1947 and has a track record of always covering the local news and more importantly, the weather. In 2011 it was instrumental in weather warnings for the killer tornados which struck this area and killed hundreds. My station needs more power to insure the coverage area in our county is well informed and warned in the event of destructive weather. We have documented comments from listeners how important this has been, preventing two deaths only a year ago with a tornado warning. Our coverage area is just short of where it needs to be to adequately cover the county we are located in. The increase to 12,000 watts would make a huge difference.

Please implement the MB 18-184 proposal fully without delay.  
Many small broadcasters need this relief.

Sincerely,  
Harold Bearden  
WWW-FM